

## METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING AT LEAST ONE SET-TOP BOX

### Abstract

A method and apparatus for providing control of a set-top box through IR blasting  
5 control by a system containing at least one computer is discussed. The system is  
coupled to a mass storage system. The system includes an IR control database  
that resides on the mass storage system. The IR control database contains at  
least one IR control entry and an IR control packet. The IR control packet is  
10 generated from a first IR control entry of the IR control database. The system  
controls a set-top box by serial transmission of the IR control packet.

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